General Information for Applicants

Items to be included with application and consent for criminal and protective service background check.

Please note that your completed application and consent for criminal and protective service background checks must be accompanied by the below listed items. Applications will not be considered eligible for consideration unless all requested information is on file. Transcripts submitted with application may be copies but official transcripts must be on file before contract can be signed.

- Letter of Interest
- Resume
- A copy of your license or certification
- Transcripts (Unofficial copies may be submitted temporarily, official transcripts required if position offered.)

Professional Compensation

A. Payroll and Salary Determination—Payroll is run once a month and paid on the 18th of the month. Salary is based on the current negotiated amount with credit for experience as allowed in Master Contract.

B. Group Health Insurance – If the number of hours worked meet requirements to qualify for group health insurance, the Co-op contributes toward the monthly premium. Amount will be determined by employment class (certified, classified, etc) and hours worked.

C. Other benefits include paid sick leave, paid personal leave, participation in the Teachers Retirement System or Public Employees Retirement System, and the option to have voluntary payroll deductions placed in a flexible benefits plan.

Requirements – all new employees are conditionally employed until all the requirements below are satisfied. Employees not satisfying these requirements within the specified time are subject to immediate termination.

A. The Co-op will conduct a complete criminal and protective service check on all persons hired after July 1, 2002.

B. Final Board approval of any contract offered is contingent on the criminal and protective service background and records (educational) check, and verification of work experience.

C. On or before the start date, the new employee must provide proof of citizenship, or appropriate certification to substantiate eligibility to work. Original, not photocopied, documentation is required.

D. Within 30 days of start date, the new employee must provide the Co-op with a regular Montana Teaching Certificate or applicable license.

This application will be kept on file for three years. To be considered for a subsequent position, the applicant must contact the above office to activate the file for a published vacancy.
EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION

LAST NAME: ___________________________ FIRST NAME: ___________________________ MIDDLE INITIAL: ___________________________

CURRENT ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________ APT/UNIT#: ___________________________

CITY: ___________________________ STATE: ___________________________ ZIP CODE: ___________________________

Phone Number: ___________________________ Email Address: ___________________________

How did you learn about the opening? _____________________________________________ Date of Application: ___________________________

Position applying for: ____________________________________________________________

Date you are available to work: ___________________________ Years of relevant experience: ___________________________

Have you filed an application with us before? ___________________________ If yes, give date: ___________________________

What position did you apply for at that time? ________________________________________

PERSONAL DATA

Do you have the legal right to work in the United States? Yes_____ No_____ Do you have a valid Montana drivers license? Yes_____ No_____ Are you able, with or without reasonable accommodation, to perform the functions of the job for which you are applying? Yes_____ No_____ Have you ever been released or discharged from employment or resigned to avoid such release or discharge? Yes_____ No_____ If yes, please explain, including date of discharge or resignation and reason for discharge or resignation:

Are you a veteran? Yes_____ No_____ Military Duties: ___________________________ Dates of Service: ___________________________

Since you are applying for a position that involves working with children and/or the handling of Co-operative money or property, please complete the following question: Have you ever been convicted of any offense that involves any form of violence such as assault, rape, child abuse, child molestation, extortion, blackmail, coercion, embezzlement, fraud, stealing, robbery, blackmail or any crime that involves drugs? Yes_____ No_____ If yes, explain nature of crime, place and date:

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Interviewed By: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Position: ___________________________ FTE: ___________________________ Start Date: ___________________________

Licensure or Certification: ___________________________

If not licensed, what is expected date of licensure? ___________________________

Salary Placement: ___________________________ Which calendar will new hire follow? ___________________________
**PROFESSIONAL DATA**

Are you working at the present time?  ❑ YES  ❑ NO  
If yes, where?  ____________  Phone #:  ____________

May we contact your references, including your present employer, for recommendations?  ❑ YES  ❑ NO

If no, please explain:

What is/are the reasons(s) for leaving your last/current position?

**EDUCATION**

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Professional/Licenses, Certificates, etc.:

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (List most recent experience first.)**

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*Describe Responsibilities and Duties – Be Specific*

**Reason for Leaving:**
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Reason for Leaving:

(Make additional copies of this page as needed to complete your employment history)
SUMMARY OF OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE (If necessary, attach separate sheet with all relevant work experience.)

REFERENCES

List three references who are persons qualified to attest to your fitness for the position you seek. Include persons for whom you have worked or those who know your ability and character.

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APPLICANT AGREEMENT

I certify that the answers given herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that omission and/or misrepresentation of material and information given on my application or interview(s) may result in refusal of or separation from employment with the Bitterroot Valley Education Cooperative. I agree that employment shall be in all respects subject to the rules, regulations and policies of the Bitterroot Valley Education Cooperative.

I authorize and request any and all of my former employers and any other person to furnish to the Co-op, or any agent acting on its behalf, any information they may have concerning my former employers, a history of my employment by them and the reasons for the termination thereof. Moreover, I hereby release each such employer and each such other person from any and all liability of whatsoever nature by reason of furnishing such information to the Co-op or any agent acting on its behalf.

The undersigned applicant is hereby notified that the Bitterroot Valley Education Cooperative may obtain an investigative background check for employment purposes. Such a report may include a background search and disclosure of criminal convictions. Applicant acknowledges that he/she is informed of his/her right to request, in writing within a reasonable period of time after receiving this notice, a complete and accurate disclosure of the background information obtained from such an investigation. Such disclosure will be mailed or otherwise delivered to applicant within five days from the date of the applicant’s written request or five days from the date the employer receives the background information, whichever is later. Such records will not necessarily preclude employment.

Printed Name | Signature of Applicant | Date Signed
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In compliance with Federal and State equal employment opportunity laws, qualified applicants are considered for a position without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, age, marital status, religious preference, or presence of any physical or mental disability, except insofar as such factors are valid occupational qualifications.
RELEASE OF INFORMATION PROTECTIVE SERVICE BACKGROUND CHECKS

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

Incomplete or illegible forms may be returned

Legal Name_____________________________________________________________________________
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Maiden Name) (Last Name)
Enter NMN if none

Aliases/Other Names Used ________________________________________________________________

Date of Birth: _______________ Social Security Number:_________________ Sex: □ Male □ Female

Current Mailing Address: _____________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________

Please check as many as apply. The reason this information is being requested is that I am:

□ an applicant for employment □ an employee □ a prospective volunteer □ a volunteer

Authorization Statement and Signature

I am aware that this release pertains to report(s) of child abuse or neglect in Montana that indicates a risk to children. Records that indicate a risk to children are those that show a substantiation of child abuse/neglect on the person; and/or a history that a child in the care of the person was adjudicated by a court as a youth in need of care; and/or a history that show that the person has had their caregiver rights to a child terminated. The information provided under this release may contain information that could adversely affect my employment or volunteer status.

I hereby authorize the Department of Public Services, Child and Family Services Division to release confidential information in connection with my status as a prospective or current employee or volunteer in accordance with 413-20593) (o) MCA to:

Bitterroot Valley Education Cooperative PO BOX 187 Stevensville, MT 59870

Name of Agency Mailing Address

Jill Reynolds 406-777-2494 ext. 110 406-777-2495

Name of Agency Contact Person: Telephone No: Fax No:

I am also aware that although the entities requesting and receiving confidential CFSD information are bound by law or agreement with DPHHS to protect or preserve its confidentiality, DPHHS cannot assure that confidentiality will be maintained after this information is released by DPHHS. I hereby release CFSD from any claims or causes of action which may subsequently arise from release of this confidential information.

The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, political ideas, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental disability, or national origin. If you believe you have been subjected to discrimination contact the DPHHS Human Resources Division at (406) 444-3136 or the Montana Human Rights Bureau at 1-(800)-542-0807, or relay service at 711.

Signed:________________________________________________________Date:_______________
(MUST BE SIGNED IN FRONT OF A NOTARY PUBLIC)

TO BE COMPLETED BY NOTARY PUBLIC:

Taken, sworn, and subscribed to me this _________day of ___________ A.D. ___________

Notary Public for the State of Montana Residing at

Printed name of Notary Public My Commission expires